

Vice President Dick Cheney

Q. Who has a tougher schedule today, Mr. President? You or the Vice President?

The President. The Vice President is feeling great. I had a meeting with him. At Camp David, I was asked whether or not he would be at work on Monday. I said I was confident he would be there at 8 o'clock sharp, during our national security briefing, and there he was. He looks great. His spirits are high. He sets such a good example for Americans who may share the same condition he has, and that is to listen to your body, to take precautionary measures, and to be active. And he's active, and he's—we were all thrilled to see how good he looked this morning.

Q. Are you worried about him at all, Mr. President?

The President. No, I'm not worried about him. I'm not worried about him. He's doing great.

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:04 a.m. in the Roosevelt Room at the White House.

**Remarks Prior to a Meeting With
New Jersey Gubernatorial Candidate
Bret Schundler and an Exchange
With Reporters**

July 2, 2001

The President. Mr. Mayor, congratulations. The Vice President and I are so honored you and Lynn came to the Oval Office. It gives us a chance to, one, congratulate you on winning the primary and congratulate you on being a great reformer in Jersey City. I don't think people understand, but that's a city with 6 percent Republicans, and yet, he continues to win overwhelmingly because he's got great ideas. And we look forward to helping you become the Governor of New Jersey.

I think you and I share something in common: We're always underestimated. And a lot of people didn't think I'd be sitting here. Of course, a lot of people didn't think you would be sitting here, either. And so, I appreciate your record.

I'm intrigued by the idea of eliminating the tollbooth in New Jersey. I think the working people in New Jersey are going to really

appreciate that idea, and when you couple that with your strong vision of education reform, I think you've got a good chance of winning.

[At this point, Jersey City Mayor Schundler made brief remarks.]

The President. You're going to win. [Laughter] We're glad to have you.

Vice President's Health

Q. How do you feel, Mr. Vice President?

The Vice President. Very good.

Q. Are you sore?

The Vice President. A little tender, still. It will pass.

Q. Are you taking any painkillers or anything?

The Vice President. No.

Florida Offshore Drilling

Q. Mr. President, did you talk to your brother about——

The President. We were thinking about doing some jumping jacks before you came in, but——

Q. Go right ahead. [Laughter]

Q. Did you ask your brother about oil and gas leases, Mr. President?

The President. What?

Q. Have you had a chance to talk to your brother about oil and gas leases, as they were announced today?

New Jersey Gubernatorial Election

Q. Are you going to campaign for him? Make any stops?

The President. What?

Q. Are you going to campaign in New Jersey for him?

The President. That's what we're going to discuss, how we can help him. We'd like to help him in any way we can. We want him to win.

NOTE: The President spoke at 2:35 p.m. in the Oval Office at the White House. A reporter referred to Gov. Jeb Bush of Florida. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Exchange With Reporters at the Jefferson Memorial

July 2, 2001

Fourth of July

Q. What's the occasion, Mr. President?

The President. Wanted to come over. We're looking right out our window every day at the Jefferson. It's a beautiful day—wanted to come over and begin the beginning of the Fourth of July celebration here at the Jefferson Memorial. It's an opportunity to say hello to some of our fellow Americans.

Q. What does the Fourth mean to you, Mr. President?

The President. Well, it's an unimaginable honor to be the President, during the Fourth of July, of this country. It means what these words say, for starters. The great inalienable rights of our country. We're blessed with such values in America. And I—it's—I'm a proud man to be the Nation based upon such wonderful values.

I can't tell you what it's like to be in Europe, for example, to be talking about the greatness of America. But the true greatness of America are the people. And it's another reason we're here, is to be able to say hello to some of our fellow Americans who are here to celebrate.

It's good to see everybody. John [John Berman, ABC News], when are you getting married?

Q. Three weeks, sir.

NOTE: The exchange began at 3:40 p.m. A tape was not available for verification of the content of this exchange.

Executive Order 13220—Waiver Under the Trade Act of 1974 With Respect to the Republic of Belarus

July 2, 2001

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including subsection 402(c)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974,

as amended (the “Act”)(19 U.S.C. 2432(c)(2)), which continues to apply to the Republic of Belarus pursuant to subsection 402(d) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 2432(d)), and having made the report to the Congress required by subsection 402(c)(2), I hereby waive the application of subsections 402(a) and 402(b) of the Act with respect to the Republic of Belarus.

George W. Bush

The White House,
July 2, 2001.

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Memorandum on the Extension of Normal Trade Relations Status With Belarus

July 2, 2001

Presidential Determination No. 2001–20

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Determination under Section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974—Republic of Belarus

Pursuant to section 402(c)(2)(A) of the Trade Act of 1974 (Public Law 93–618, January 3, 1975; 88 Stat. 1978) as amended (the “Act”), I determine that a waiver by Executive Order of the application of subsections (a) and (b) of section 402 of the Act with respect to the Republic of Belarus will substantially promote the objectives of section 402.

On my behalf, please transmit this determination to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to the President of the Senate.

You are authorized and directed to publish this determination in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush